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Temperance Stores, Hotels, Etc.

We pledge ourselves, each to the other, that with the help of God, we will buy goods and merchandise only from those who, to the best of our knowledge, do not sell intoxicating drinks.

And, while we will work to secure the signatures of as many honest persons and Christians as possible, let us free ourselves, from the liquor dealers, in place of enriching them.

Tusculum, Ga. Mar. 20, 1903

John Muir,
Western Coast. N. A.
Dear Sir,

- Enclosed Clipping.
from N.Y. World. tells of your trip to
Yellowstone Park. W. H. Roosevelt,
and Burroughs. -

I am delighted to know you are to be
with our young President. -
Especially he needs your missionary
influences, to lead him, on to see
that kindness to animals,
is far better than shooting them.
This morn I read, "The Red Cross,"
by Clara Barton.
May the warriors, soon learn

to "Put their Swords, into flow shears,
"Their Years, into pruning hooks"

Is my earnest prayer, and
I know of no one, who is
leading them towards that point
any more successfully than you.
(No, no, I not given to undue
praise, - rather, the opposite, for
I find myself complaining
when praise would do more
good.)

Here I'm, wintering at the
Old "Home", for 30 odd years.
of my only brother, (now deceased)
35 miles above City of Savannah
He came from Maine, our birth place
to Ga. in 1847 - living in this state
until Aug. 1898 - over 50 yrs.
So you see I'm, in
the "Piney Woods" - not so far
from the early Home of
our mutual friend L. E. Conte,

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You may be surprised at style
of my paper, - but it indicates
the line of some of my
Missionary work, - as I think
Alcohol! Man's greatest enemy.
For 16 yrs. I've secured names
to above pledge - and, using
as a heading to my letters,
Simply raises the question, and
out of people, thinking.

Give my high regards to the
members of your family, telling
them I cannot forget their
delicate and kind attention to me
last summer -

Sincerely W. W. Clark